



Nikko Toshogu Shrine

Registered as a World Heritage Site in 1999 as part of the "Shrines and Temples of Nikko", it holds the remains of the first Shogun of the Edo Shogunate, Tokugawa Ieyasu. A variety of national treasures and important cultural properties can be found within its grounds, such as the three wise monkeys, "see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil" engraved upon the Shinkyusha Shrine.

Access: 5 min. by bus from the JR Nikko line Nikko Station or Tobu Nikko line Nikko Station. 8 min. walk after getting off at the "Shinkyu" stop.

Address: 2301 Yamauchi, Nikko City
Open: 8:00-17:00 (Apr.1st-Oct.31st)
 8:00-16:00 (Nov.1st-Mar.31st)

Days closed: None
Admission: Adults & high-school students: ¥1300,
 junior-high & elementary students: ¥450

Lake Chuzenji



Spreading out from the foot of beautiful Mt. Nantai, Lake Chuzenji is the largest lake in Tochigi Prefecture, and the 25th largest lake in Japan. Visited by many international diplomats in the Meiji Era, it was the site of lively yacht races and also the birthplace of fly fishing in Japan.

Access: 45 min. by the Tobu bus bound for Chuzenji Onsen or Yumoto Onsen leaving the JR Tobu Nikko Line Nikko station. 5 min. walk after getting off at the "Chuzenji Onsen" stop.

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NIKKO

An International Summer Resort abounding in World Heritage Sites

Long serving as a summer resort for international diplomats, Nikko represents the roots of Japan's resort culture. There are many things to see in Nikko such as Nikko Toshogu Shrine and the shrines and temple which are registered as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Kegon Falls



A powerful waterfall where crystal clear water makes an awesome 97m drop after flowing from Lake Chuzenji. It is the waterfall that represents Nikko, and is one of the "3 Greatest Waterfalls of Japan".

Access: 45 min. by the Tobu bus bound for Chuzenji Onsen or Yumoto Onsen leaving the JR Tobu Nikko Line Nikko station. 5 min. walk after getting off at the "Chuzenji Onsen" stop.
Address: Chugushi, Nikko City

Matsuyashiki

TEL.0288-25-6066



A 33,000m² Japanese garden that boasts over 150 Japanese Red Pines. With its delicate fresh greens of early summer and blazing autumn colors, its beauty that changes in each of the four seasons seduces all who visit it.

Access: 5 min. by car from the JR Nikko line Nikko Station or Tobu Nikko line Nikko Station
Address: 2396-1 Hangakimen, Nikko City
Open: Open on the 4th Saturday & following Sunday of every month from Apr. to Nov.
Time: 10:00 - 16:00 (Last entry 15:30)
Admission: Adults ¥500, children ¥250

Heike no Sato

TEL.0288-98-0126



The Yunishigawa Onsen region is legendary as the home of the Heike fugitive clan. It has been restored as a stronghold to preserve the multitude of secret tales & legends of the lifestyle of the fugitive Heike clan for future generations.

Access: 33 min. by the Tobu daily bus bound for Yunishigawa Onsen leaving from Yunishigawa Onsen Station on the Yagan Tetsudo Railway line. 6 min. walk after getting off at the "Honke Bankyu Ryokan-mae" stop.
Address: 1042 Yunishigawa, Nikko City
Open: 8:30 - 17:00 (8:30 - 16:30 from Sep. to Nov., 9:00 - 16:00 from Dec. to Mar.)
Days closed: None
Admission: Adults ¥500, children ¥250

Kinugawa Onsen



A large onsen hot spring region that offers a variety of large and small onsen lodgings in a scenic atmosphere along the edge of a beautiful valley. Its simple alkaline hot spring waters will soothe your skin. There are also a wide variety of theme parks in the area.

Access: Get off at Kinugawa Onsen station on the Tobu Kinugawa line

Nikkobori



A traditional craft started in the Edo Era, representing the pinnacle of the abilities of the engravers who worked on the Toshogu Shrine. It makes use of the "clawing chisel" unique to Nikko engraving. Workshops are also available in the city.

Pictured: Nikko Engraving Ebisuya

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UTSUNO MIYA

A Gourmet Town that Breaths Tradition

This gourmet town renowned for its Utsunomiya goza also has a huge underground space, and a beautiful stone-carved cathedral. Wear your casual clothes and take a leisurely stroll through this beautiful town.

UTSUNO MIYA

Nakagawa Traditional Dyeing Factory

TEL.028-621-0571



The tradition of Miya dyeing began along the Tagawa River running through Utsunomiya City at the end of the Edo Era. The Nakagawa Traditional Dyeing Factory continues to protect those traditional crafts today, and offers observation of its factory year-round. They offer viewing for parties of 1 - 20 people, requiring approximately 30 - 40 minutes. Reservation is required for the viewing 10 - 7 days before the desired date.

Access: 15 min. walk from the JR Utsunomiya station.
Address: 1-562 Nishiki, Utsunomiya City
Open: 9:00 - 11:30, 13:00 - 16:00
Days closed: Sat. & holidays from Aug. to Oct., Sun. & holidays from Nov. to Jul.
Admission: Observation is free

UTSUNO MIYA

Matsugamine Catholic Church

TEL.028-635-0405



Erected in 1932 in the Romanesque style using an abundance of unique Oya Stones quarried from Oya-machi within Utsunomiya City, it is a landmark well known by everyone in the city. With a multitude of ornaments within the church, there is something to see at every turn. It is illuminated from sunset to 20:30 daily.

Access: 5 min. walk from the Tobu Utsunomiya line Tobu Utsunomiya station.
Address: 1-1-5 Matsugamine, Utsunomiya City
Open: 8:00 - 20:00
Days closed: None (admission may not be possible at some times)
Admission: Observation is free (reservation required for groups)

UTSUNO MIYA

Oya History Museum

TEL.028-652-1232



Displays "Oya stones" quarried from the regions around Oya-machi in Utsunomiya City. It features a mammoth subterranean excavation site at a depth of 30m, with 20,000m² open to the public. It also hosts a multitude of events such as musical concerts and the filming of countless movies and commercials.

Access: 30 min. by bus from JR Utsunomiya station. 5 min. walk after getting off at the "Shiryokan Iriguchi (Museum Entrance)" stop.
Address: 909 Oya-machi, Utsunomiya City
Open: 9:00 - 17:00 (Last entry 16:30)
Days closed: Open year-round (except for New Year's holidays & temporary closed periods)
Admission: Adults: ¥700, children: ¥350 (elementary & junior-high)

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MASHI KO

Home of Preeminent Kanto Pottery

The history of Mashiko pottery has long interwoven tradition and innovation. Breath deeply in an atmosphere representing the combined styles of countless potters. There are countless hidden treasures waiting to be discovered in this traditional pottery market.

MASHI KO

Mashiko Pottery



Lead by famous forebears such as the Living National Treasures Mr. Shoji Hamada and Mr. Tatsuzo Shimaoka, Mashiko is home to approximately 250 potteries and 50 pottery shops. As one of the closest pottery regions easily accessible from Tokyo, the customary pottery market held in Spring (May) and Autumn (November) attract countless tourists.

Access: [Train] Get off at Mashiko Station on the Moka Railway line.
 [Car] 25 min. from the Moka Exit on the Kita-Kanto Expressway. Also 20 min. from the Sakuragawa-Chikusei Exit